### DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVENUE

# LETTER OF FINDINGS NUMBER: 98-0462P Sales and Use Tax Calendar Years 1994, 1995, 1996

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## **ISSUE(S)**

### I. **Tax Administration** – Penalty

**Authority:** IC 6-8.1-10-2.1(d); 45 IAC 15-11-2

Taxpayer protests the penalty assessed.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

Taxpayer protests the penalty assessed on an audit completed on April 29, 1998.

Taxpayer failed to self-assess and remit use tax on clearly taxable items and failed to charge sales tax or obtain exemption certificates. Taxpayer is a Delaware corporation that was audited previously on June 22, 1994.

### 1. **Tax Administration** – Penalty

### **DISCUSSION**

Taxpayer requests a waiver of penalty but did not state reasons why it should be waived.

Taxpayer's audit report revealed that the items assessed were issues in a prior audit. Taxpayer made no corrections. In addition, the assessments were primarily higher each year than in the prior audit. It self-assessed less than ten percent (10%) of the tax due.

The taxpayer was negligent in failing to make corrections and remit the sales and use tax due.

#### **FINDING**

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Taxpayer's protest is denied.